

School Nutrition Team - Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) - School Nutrition Bulletin #18, June 2, 2017
Last School Nutrition Bulletin for school year (SY) 2016-17

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Child Nutrition Program Online Contract Submission

The deadline for submitting School Nutrition [Online Services](#) contracts was June 1, 2017.

If your SFA participates in *only* the Special Milk Program (SMP), please update your 2017-18 Online contracts now. The deadline for SMP contract updates is June 30. Consultants will be reviewing your contracts over the summer and will contact SFAs if there are questions before these contracts are approved.

Direct Certification Program Updates for SY 2017-18

Matching with Medicaid (for free and reduced) and FDIPIR

Starting on or about July 1, 2017, the Direct Certification Program will match students with Medicaid data for both free and reduced price meals and FDIPIR. Consider attending our [School Nutrition Skills Development Course \(SNSDC\) "Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility and Verification – What your SFA needs to know" class](#) this summer to learn more.

Program Enhancement for Output File: School Codes

Also starting on or about July 1, 2017, the DPI assigned school codes that SFAs enter into the input file will be included in the output file.

AmeriCorps Farm to School Program: The DPI AmeriCorps Farm to School Program Seeks Host Sites SY 2017-2018

WI-DPI is still looking for a few more applicants to be host sites for the AmeriCorps Farm to School Program for service year 2017-2018. The deadline for new and continuing applications has been extended to Friday, June 9th. Please use these two links for [Host Site Application-Continuation](#) and [Host Site Application-New](#) to apply. More information about the applications can be found on our [Farm to School webpage](#) or contact AmeriCorpsF2S@dpi.wi.gov for more information.

School Meal Flexibilities for SY 2017-2018

In School Nutrition Bulletin #17, we shared that there will be three flexibilities in the meal patterns for the next school year.

1. USDA will delay the time table progression of the sodium targets. Until year 2020 schools will not be required to meet the Sodium Target 2.

2. USDA will allow states agencies to have the discretion to grant exemptions to schools experiencing hardship in serving 100 percent of grain products as whole-grain rich for school year 2017-18.
3. USDA will allow states agencies to have the discretion to grant exemptions to schools experiencing hardship when not being allowed to serve low-fat (1-percent milk fat), flavored milk through the NSLP, SBP, Afterschool Snack Program, and as a competitive food available for sale on campus during the school day.

The DPI SNT has decided that we will allow whole grain-rich and 1% flavored milk exemptions in our state for the coming school year. Our procedures for the exemption process need to be developed and approved by USDA, therefore look for them to be posted on the [SNT NSLP Meal Pattern Components webpage](#) in August.

Although some schools may find these changes helpful, there are more schools that have made the required changes, and students have adapted to them. We encourage schools to keep in mind the best interests of the students and provide our school children with the most healthful and nutritious meals possible. If you have questions or need assistance, please let us know. We are here to support you.

Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Contracts

All Amendments to Renew FSMC contracts must be submitted to DPI by June 30, 2017.

Professional Standards

If you will be hiring a new School Nutrition Food Service Director for SY 2017-18, this is a reminder to be sure to review the [USDA professional standards hiring requirements](#) to ensure you recruit and hire a candidate that meets the professional standards requirements for your agency. For more information, please contact Gina Kulka at 608-266-5770 or gina.kulka@dpi.wi.gov.

Local Food in the Cafeteria: Survey for Food Service

[Take this 10-minute survey](#) from the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to share your price and volume needs for cafeteria items that can be **grown in Wisconsin**. This feedback from food service purchasers will help the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's Farm to Institution Project work with school districts' broadline and produce distributors to carry more source-identified, locally-grown products. All responses will be confidential and are for information purposes only.

[Take the survey here](#). Thank you!

The Wisconsin Farm to Institution Project is a USDA grant-funded effort coordinated by DATCP in partnership with CESA Purchasing, REAP Food Group, Mutch Better Food, and the UW-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems.

Save the Date! Webinar for Updated Meal Pattern for Pre-K and Childcare Programs Participating in the NSLP and SBP, 1:30 PM, August 23, 2017

Do you serve meals to children in pre-K or child care programs under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP)? If so, please join us on August 23, 2017, at 1:30 PM, for a webinar that will cover the changes and how to implement the new meal pattern while participating in the NSLP and SBP. Currently SFAs serving meals to children age 1 to 5 years old and not yet in kindergarten can choose the Preschool Traditional Food-Based Meal Pattern or the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act Meal Pattern (HHFKA). Beginning on October 1, 2017, the updated Child and Adult Care

Food Program (CACFP) meal pattern replaces these options. Visit our [Infants and Preschool in NSLP and SBP](#) webpage throughout the summer for more information on meal pattern changes and further guidance updates. Check back later this summer for more information about the upcoming webinar.

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